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SENATE BILL 600

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CHARGE A
TREASURER'S EQUIPMENT FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE CHARGE ON PROPERTY
TAX BILLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new Section 7-38-36.2 NMSA 1978 is enacted
to read:

"7-38-36.2. [NEW MATERIAL] COUNTY TREASURER'S EQUIPMENT
FEE. --

A. The board of county commissioners may, by
resolution, provide for a "county treasurer's equipment fee" on
all property tax bills in the county to be used to purchase
computers and other equipment for the county treasurer's office
and staff training on office procedures and equipment. The fee
shall be separately identified and stated in the property tax

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1 bill and shall be included in the total shown in the bill as
2 due. The fee charged on each property tax bill shall not
3 exceed:

4 (1) fifty cents (\$.50) in class A counties;

5 (2) one dollar (\$1.00) in class B counties

6 with an assessed valuation of over three hundred million
7 dollars (\$300,000,000); and

8 (3) two dollars (\$2.00) for all other
9 counties.

10 B. The county treasurer's equipment fee shall be
11 collected and its collection enforced as if the fee were a
12 property tax, except that no interest or penalty shall accrue
13 or be charged because of its nonpayment.

14 C. The county treasurer's equipment fee shall be
15 deposited in a segregated account and shall be expended as
16 budgeted for the purposes specified in Subsection A of this
17 section. The fee shall not be distributed to the governmental
18 units to which the property tax is distributed pursuant to
19 Section 7-38-43 NMSA 1978. "